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Pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, submitted in accordance with attached 37 CFR. §§ 1.98(a)(1) and 1.98 (b). It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein. As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the first Office Action, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(1). Some of the references contained herein were cited in an International-Type Search Report issued February 28, 2003, copy of which is attached.

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney or agent of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

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